

APPALACHIAN CENTER AND APPALACHIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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Message from the Directors

Dear friends,

The fall semester is underway and we have a lot coming up. We're excited about a couple of big anniversaries. Next year we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program. We're gathering stories and memories for our digital scrapbook. Please add your information **here** as YOU are a big part of the story!

We will also be heading to Pennsylvania in March for the 50th anniversary of the Appalachian Studies Association conference. Be sure to get your conference proposals submitted soon.

As the cooler weather approaches, come see us at the Center!

Jennifer and Kathryn

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour at the Appalachian Center



Thursday, October 8 and 22 | 10-11 a.m.
Appalachian Center, 624 Maxwellton Ct.

We welcome students, faculty, staff and community members for coffee and light refreshments. Come visit with others interested in the region and learn more about the work of the Appalachian Center and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Drop-in coffee hour is a space to exchange ideas for programs, initiatives and events, discuss regional issues and share research in a casual, collegial atmosphere.

[Click here for additional information.](#)

Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress (SWAP) - October presentations

Tuesday, October 13 | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28 | 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Appalachian Center, 624 Maxwellton Ct.

Zoom/remote option is also available

Event link: <https://appalachiancenter.as.uky.edu/sharing-work-appalachia-progress-swap>

Join us for our SWAP (Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress) presentations at the Appalachian Center or tune in virtually via Zoom. This year's SWAPs will showcase the research conducted by recipients of the 2026 James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia and the UK Appalachian Center Eller & Billings Student Research Award as well as other scholars and students sharing their research.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Nicole Marks, Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences: "And the creek don't rise: Disasters, Climate, and Resiliency in Appalachia."

Emelia Harris, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences: "Relationships Between Water Quality Indicators and Flooding in Southeastern Kentucky."

Wednesday, October 28 | 12-1:30 p.m.

Holden Dillman, College of Social Work: "We Are Here: National and Appalachian Accounts of Youth-to-Adulthood Mental Health and Well-Being Among Sexual and Gender Minority Emerging and Early Adults."

Ally Moseley, College of Social Work: "Rainbow Roads aren't just for video games: Visibility, Belonging, and Queer Voices in Kentucky's SAFE ROADS Debate."



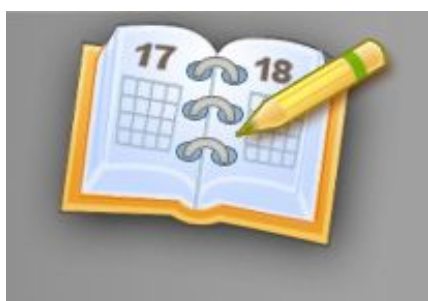
The Appalachia in the Bluegrass concert series is generously supported by the John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, the Appalachian Studies Program and the Appalachian Center of the University of Kentucky.



All concerts are in the Niles Gallery of the Lucille C. Little Fine Arts and Design Library just off Rose Street at the University of Kentucky. Concerts are on Fridays at noon and last for one hour. Admission is free and open to the public.

October 2 - **Craig Edwards**
October 9 - **Maizie Barrett**
October 16 - **Daniel Graham**
October 23 - **Zoe Speaks**

For additional information, click on this link.



Mark Your Calendars for ASA 2027!

The Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) 2027 conference will be held March 4-7, 2027 at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA.

The Call for Participation is out now. Additional information including the Call for Participation document may be found at this [link](#).

Hike the Pinnacles in Berea with the Appalachian Center

Sunday, October 18 | 10:30-3 p.m.
The Pinnacles in the Berea College Forest

Join the UK Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program for a hiking trip to the Pinnacles in Berea! This will be a guided hike led by the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center. UK Appalachian Center Director, Dr. Kathryn Engle, will also lead the group. The trip will last approximately 10:30 pm to 3 pm on Sunday, October 18. Registration is required.

[Click here for additional information and the link to preregister.](#)

PINNACLES HIKE

OCTOBER 18TH 2026

10:30-3 PM

MEET AT APPALACHIAN CENTER

624 MAXWELTON CT.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER



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CHECK THIS OUT

[Shaping Our Appalachian Region \(SOAR\) Summit 26 - October 8-9](#)

[Root and Reed Collaborative at University of Kentucky - signups now open](#)

[Sustainability Showcase and Research Poster Competition - October 14](#)

[University of Kentucky Fall Involvement Fair - October 15](#)

Appalachian Center to Celebrate 50 Years



It's time to **SAVE THE DATE** for the celebration event to take place Saturday, April 24, 2027 at the UK Robinson Center in Jackson, KY in observance of the Appalachian Center's 50th anniversary.

Continue to be on the lookout for additional details in newsletters and on the [webpage](#) in the coming months. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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